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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

CINCLANT

UNCLAS PORT OF SPAIN 1216

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TD

SUBJECT: PM WILLIAMS TO RETIRE

REF: POS 1158

CINCLANT FOR POLAD

1. IN LENTHY SPEECH OPENING THREE-DAY PARTY CONVENTION OF RULING PNM,

ERIC WILLIAMS STATED THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK REELECTION AS PARTY LEADER AND THAT "THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE AND TAKE NO FURTHER PART IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY". ON BASIS OF INCOMPLETE TEXT IT APPEARS WILLIAMS LINKED HIS DECISION TO DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE SLOW PROGRESS IN T&T POLITICAL MATURITY AND WEST INDIAN INTEGRATION. WILLIAMS DID NOT RETURN TO LAST YEAR'S CHARGES OF "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE", ALTHOUGH HE DID FIND TIME TO CRITICIZE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THE DESTRUCTIVE ASPECTS OF TOURISM.

2. A RESOLUTION TABLED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLING ON

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WILLIAMS TO CONTINUE AS POLITICAL LEADER, AT LEAST UNTIL A SUCCESSOR

CAN BE FOUND, WILL BE THE FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS FOR THE CONVENTION
THIS MORNING.

3. SPEECH IS GENERALLY INTERPRETED AS INDICATION WILLIAMS'
INTENTION TO STEP DOWN AS PRIME MINISTER BY TIME OF EXPECTED
ELECTIONS IN COMING MONTHS. EMBASSY COMMENT BASED ON FULL TEXT
OF SPEECH AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT CONVENTION WILL FOLLOW.
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